

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. In an electric power steering apparatus including a rack shaft formed with a first rack meshing with a first pinion connected to a steering shaft and with a second rack meshing with a second pinion driven by a power assist mechanism,

an improvement characterized in that said power assist mechanism comprises an electric motor and power transmission means for transmitting a driving force of said electric motor to said second pinion,  
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said electric motor is disposed substantially in parallel with said rack shaft.

15           2. An electric power steering apparatus according  
to claim 1, wherein said power transmission means is  
a worm speed reduction mechanism.